

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
717 STATE STREET, 7TH FLOOR
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16501

NOTICE TO COUNSEL - AMENDED TELEPHONE HEARING PROCEDURE

In an effort to accommodate the Bar and reduce travel expense, the Court will allow counsel to appear by telephone for NON-EVIDENTIARY hearings. The Courtroom is equipped with an audio system which can be connected to the telephone line in Court (at 814-453-4400).

1. ADVANCE NOTICE

If you wish to participate in a hearing by telephone, you must ADVISE THE COURT AND OPPOSING PARTIES WELL IN ADVANCE -- AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS DAY.

2. TWO OR MORE PARTIES

(a) There is only one telephone line into the Courtroom. If two or more parties are to appear by telephone, the party initiating the call must have the other parties (except those appearing in Court) on the line BEFORE connecting to the Court line.

(b) If you are joining one or more parties on the call, in addition to yourself, it is REQUIRED that you use a COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE (i.e., MCI, Sprint, AT&T); otherwise, the transmission is often degraded to an inaudible level. Using a speaker phone is discouraged.

3. WHEN THE COURT LINE IS BUSY

If the Court line is busy, it means there is another telephone hearing in progress. You must continue to try your call at intervals until you reach the Courtroom. There is no one in Chambers while court hearings are in session.

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